

## PROJECT TITLE

### Independence Four-Lane

Location Map:



<b>Project Location:</b>	Near Independence from 4.3 km south of Mazourka Canyon Road to 1.0 km north of Shabbell Lane.
<b>Co/Rte/KP/PM:</b>	INY/395/113.1-122.8/70.3-76.1
<b>Project Description:</b>	Widen to four-lane expressway
<b>Project Scope:</b>	The proposed project will upgrade the existing two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane divided highway
<b>Existing Funding:</b>	IIP - \$8,745,000 RIP - \$8,469,000
<b>Future Funding Need:</b>	\$1.495 million
<b>Total Estimated Cost:</b>	\$18.709 million
<b>Project Schedule:</b>	Completion Dates:

PSR – 7/22/1997  
PA & ED – 04/2004  
PS & E – 03/2008  
RTL – 07/2008  
Construction – 11/2010

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Purpose & Need for the Project:

The two-lane section north of town currently restricts traffic on US Route 395, especially for south bound traffic. Traffic going south comes out of a four-lane area into a two-lane. Shortly beyond this point the speed limit reduces to 25 mph at Independence. The existing highway geometrics combined with the more developed setting creates congestion.

### Project Need:

- The existing facility is currently operating at a LOS “B”. With no highway improvements, the LOS is expected to deteriorate to LOS “E”.
- Two-lane highway restricts passing opportunities.
- The existing paved shoulders do not provide adequate refuge for vehicles in distress, nor do they meet current design standards.
- The existing shoulders do not provide adequate separation between traffic and bicycle riders.
- Provides for route continuity.

### Project Purpose:

- The District System Management Plan (DSMP) identifies Route 14/395 as one of the two major transportation corridors in the District. The project complies with the DSMP’s goal for the corridor to “continue upgrading the Route 14/395 corridor to a 4-lane facility.
- The proposed project will improve the LOS.
- Improve the overall safety of the traveling public.
- Ease traffic congestion especially during peak recreational travel periods.